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MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS TO THE UNCTAD MID-TERM REVIEW

It gives me great pleasure to send my greetings to the UNCTAD Mid-term Review. I would like to thank the Government and people of Thailand for hosting this meeting, for the skill with which they hosted UNCTAD X two years ago, and for their strong and enduring commitment to the United Nations.

This Mid-term Review is important for several reasons. It can contribute to the UN system's efforts to achieve the Millennium Development Goals. It can help our ongoing efforts to implement the Bangkok Plan of Action. It can help UNCTAD do its part to integrate the development dimension into the new round of trade negotiations decided upon at last year's meeting of the World Trade Organization in Doha, and into implementation of the new consensus agreed to at last month's International Conference on Financing for Development in Monterrey. Finally, this effort can help set the broad framework for UNCTAD XI.

Please accept my best wishes for the success of these timely and vital deliberations.

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